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PRUITT'S GLAD GARDENS

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SHIRLEY TEMPLE IN SPIKE

AT THIS WRITING we have just finished digging one of the finest crops of bulbs we have ever grown. During the summer we had eleven successive days of record heat. After which the weather cooled to normal. Though we had no rain for 100 days our overhead sprinkling water system kept our bulbs growing nicely.

We had many of the new varieties, some very fine, some others not so good. I am not condemning any or passing judgment on any. The following attracted my attention and others were good, but owing to small bulbs and the first year out in these parts, have not had time to do their best.

Aladdin by Palmer is a very fine pink. Margaret Beaton is by far the finest blotched white in my judgment. Beacon, though not so new, is a grand spike. Mr. Ellis. J. D. Sez and Coral Glow are among the best in Glads. I had the pleasure of growing a single bulb of Grand Opera by Salbach. It was magnificent. Growing eighty-six inches high, with a long flower head and many open; all facing perfectly. Zuni and Rima by Mitsch were very fine with me this season. Zuni was grand champion spike at the Grants Pass Show with eight perfect flowers open. Another spike that was just past the bloom at show time had ten flowers open. Beowulf, Beautiful Ohio, Red Diablo, Chamouny, Gardenia, Creve Coeur, Amrita, Angelus, Arethusa and Jalna were very outstanding. Rewi Fallu, though not so new, was grand with us and very much liked by the florists.

Among the older ones that are just beginning to reach the florists I must say New Era is unbeatable. Its ruffledness combined with its clear lovely pink color and keeping quality makes it a real florists' variety. I could mention many others but space is limited.

MR. AND MRS. D. S. PRUITT.

Prices

Prices herein are prepaid to you. Where priced by ten or the dozen, one hundred will be seven times the ten rate.

Twenty-five per cent with order will hold for further orders.

No orders filled for less than \$1.00.

Will be pleased to quote special thousand lot price not prepaid upon request, if same is in commercial quantity.

Planting

A great deal has been said as to the best way to plant. In fact, that subject has just about been covered. One thing I would like to impress on the minds of all growers. This I have learned by experience. We do not plant our large bulbs deep enough. We throw out a furrow with a hoe or plow and it leaves a bank of dirt on each side that makes it appear we are planting deep enough. Just place a large bulb in one of such trenches and level off the ground. Then dig down to the bulb and see how near it is to the surface. Be careful or you will rake it out. A number two and larger bulb should be 4 to 7 inches below the ground level. This will not give you so many bulblets but will hold the temperature down in the warm part of the day and prevent stem crooks. Like many other plants the gladiolus makes all or most of its growth at night. When a vigorous plant begins making bloom stem above the leaves it grows very fast and is very tender in the morning. Then comes the terrible heat of the day. The ground is heated at the surface and the plant wilts. Over goes the tender stem. The following night it tries to straighten itself up but is unable to do so completely. This is called stem weakness. This fact I am not denying; only giving this as a remedy. Try it and see if it is worth while. Do not use much barnyard manure. If so, place it on the ground in the fall and let the winter weather leach it into the ground.



SHIRLEY TEMPLE IN FULL BLOOM



New Era

(*Ellis-Majeski*)

I consider the greatest recent introduction in its class. One that will be with us for years to come.

Its color and ruffledness are truly wonderful. Combined with its proven commercial qualities as a cut flower, is destined to carry it to the top.

We had enough flowers from it to try out the flower market in a small way this past season. To say the least, it created a sensation wherever shown. It grew almost 6 feet high for us from large bulbs, carrying from eight to ten blooms open at one time. It has the best of keeping qualities as a cut flower, blooming out to the tip.

It increases fast enough, growing readily from bulblets. Try 100 or more and get started with this lovely gladiolus.

	Each
No. 1 Bulbs.....	\$.90
No. 2 Bulbs.....	.75
No. 3 Bulbs.....	.60
No. 4 Bulbs.....	.45

Bulblets:

10 .....	.60
100	5.00
1000	30.00
Quart	75.00

Early Peach

(Pruitt)

Peach-red blending to ivory in the throat of upper petals. Lower petals blotched a warm buff with stripes and pencils of rose-red. Petals beautifully flaked scarlet. Six or seven wide open florets open at a time. Stem and spike straight and strong. Good bulblets producer and a splendid germinator. Has won many ribbons the past season and I want to thank my friends for the nice letters of praise I have received. Having a nice stock, I am placing it within the easy reach of everyone.



Per 12 Per 100

No. 1 Bulbs....	\$.80	\$3.00
No. 2 Bulbs....	.60	2.50
No. 3 Bulbs....	.40	2.00
No. 4 Bulbs....	.30	1.50
No. 5 Bulbs....	.20	1.00

Bulblets,
Per qt., \$4.00

Introducing

M Y R N A

Our only introduction for this year. Color ivory white. About the shade of Maid of Orleans of which it is a seedling. Mary Elizabeth being the other parent. It is a combination of these two great Glads without the minor faults of either. As near a perfect performer as I have ever grown. Has stood the heat test in the East and brought the most gratifying reports from the few bulbs that were out for trial. Flowers are larger than either of the parents and beautifully ruffled. Spike medium tall and never crooks for us in the hottest weather. Seldom has a bloom misplaced, carrying from seven to ten open. Early bloomer. Makes a healthy bulb and ample large bulblets that germinate readily.

Permit me to say, here is a great Glad with a great future. One much needed in its class. You hear these words often so you will not be shocked when you hear them once more. But being a commercial grower I am constantly on the lookout for a new Glad that will be a commercial.

For this reason I am not releasing many seedlings. I have many others that are good and may be released later if performance is satisfactory. Myrna has just the requirements that it takes to make a great commercial and as an exhibition it will be hard to defeat. On account of its earliness I missed the shows with it or would have given the great Zuni a close race for best spike in the Grants Pass show.

Owing to the increase it has given me I am able to price it in reach of every one who is a Glad lover. With every \$25.00 order a few large bulbs will be thrown in gratis for your approval. Large bulblets will be sent out as long as they last. These bloom in our climate but do not give you the purity of color and ruffledness you get from large bulbs.

Anyone buying this Glad and is not satisfied with it may exchange it, to the amount of the purchase price the year following its introduction for like amount of any Glads I list.

Yours for better Glads,

D. S. PRUITT.

	Large	Medium	Small	Bulblets
Each	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$.50
Per 10 ...	30.00	20.00	15.00	4.00
Per 100 ...	....	....	100.00	25.00



PRUITT'S RUFFLED GLADS

Pruitt's Ruffled Gladiolus

The longer I grow Glads the more I am learning to love the ruffled varieties. When my seedlings are blooming for the first time I look them over carefully each morning to see what has opened. I can scarcely see the plain petaled ones until the ruffled ones are carefully examined.

Using only the best of the ruffled ones for seed, I notice they are coming more ruffled each year. The one pictured above is the most lovely Glad I have ever seen. These spikes were grown from very small bulbs. It is apricot and cream; a perfect blending of the two colors. It has no name or number. Will be released in 1939, I think. I am only using this picture to feature the ruffled Gladiolus. Watch for its introduction.

The parents of the above seedling are Shirley Temple and Wasaga.



Zuni

(*Mitsch*)

A refined combination of salmon and slate with inconspicuous light orange salmon feather. Florets of medium size, well faced with up to ten open on a tall, long spike, having a good number of buds still to bloom. Evenly and delicately ruffled petal edges. One of the most beautiful smokies and a strong, vigorous grower making good spikes and large bulbs frequently from bulblets. A seedling from Picardy and Lighthouse and a rapid propagator.

Zuni won Grand Champion Spike at the Grants Pass Glad show, 1938.

	Each
No. 1 Bulbs.....	\$.75
No. 2 Bulbs.....	.60
No. 3 Bulbs.....	.40
No. 4 Bulbs.....	.30
No. 5 Bulbs.....	.25
No. 6 Bulbs.....	.15

Bulblets,
Per 10, 40c.

Valeria

Seedling No. 38-34

(Pruitt)

I am sure this lovely flower has a great future both as a commercial and exhibition. Pronounced by one prominent grower as a perfect glad. Was given an award of merit at the Maryland trial gardens the past summer. Has given good account of itself everywhere grown, even standing up under the terrific heat and dry weather experienced the past two or three years in parts of the east. It is a true rival of the great Dr. Bennett, but much better in every way. Never crooks for me and scarcely ever has a flower out of place. Carries five to seven large ruffled flowers open at a time. Of fine substance and keeping quality. Has been called a pink by some but if it is a pink it is so pink it is red. A very soft red with a narrow mark of light cream in the throat.

Do not miss getting started this year with this one.

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Bulbs	Each	Per 10	Per 100
No. 1...	\$1.00	\$7.50	\$50.00
No. 2...	.75	5.00	37.50
No. 3...	.50	3.75	25.00
No. 4...	.40	2.50	17.50
No. 5...	.25	2.00	10.00
No. 6...	.20	1.50	7.50
Bulblets	..	.50	2.50

Bulblets,
Per 1000, \$12.50





Leona

Seedling No. 140-34

(Pruitt)

A most beautiful rich rose red, carrying six to eight fine ruffled blooms open on a tall slim wiry spike that never crooks under normal growing conditions. This variety has been greatly admired by everyone who has seen it. Was first seedling the summer of 1937 at the Havre de Grace Gladiolus show.

It makes ample bulblets that grow readily. Together with Ellen Marie and Valeria it has been bloomed four times, assuring a well established variety and giving us enough stock of each to enable us to make the low price we are releasing them at.

Please note the reasonable price we ask for the bulblets and small bulbs. Also the quantity reduction, giving those who buy it an opportunity to get a good start at a reasonable price.

Read carefully our guarantee on these three outstanding varieties in another place in this catalogue.

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Bulbs	Each	Per 10	Per 100
No. 1 . . .	\$1.00	\$7.50	\$50.00
No. 275	5.00	37.50
No. 350	3.75	25.00
No. 440	2.50	17.50
No. 5 . . .	.25	2.00	10.00
No. 6 . . .	.20	1.50	7.50
Bulblets . . .		.50	2.50

Bulblets,
Per 1000, \$12.50

EARLY BIRD SEEDLING BARGAIN

We have a number of seedlings we have been growing three years and longer. Not seedlings that have been given up as worthless. But the very best ones of that age—some of them should have been introduced this year. Rather than release too many we have decided to send these out at a very reasonable price in order to have them tried out in different parts of the country. Giving us one more year to increase the stock in order that we may offer them cheaper, realizing the mistake of pricing a new Glad too high, no matter how good it may be.

I am sending them out at these trial prices with the understanding that a report be sent to us not later than the blooming of the last spike. Part, and perhaps all, will be released under name in the next year or two and at a much higher price than I am asking for them. Not more than four bulbs of each to any one person.

One bulb of each No. 3 or over seven bulbs in all.....	\$1.50
Four bulbs of each No. 3 or over 28 bulbs in all.....	5.00
Single bulbs, each .....	.25

No. 10. A lovely clear shell pink. Of the best growing habits. Slightly ruffled. Seedling from Mrs. Sisson. Was sent out for trial under No. 234. Some very favorable reports from it. I am sure you will like this very much.

No. 20. A very fine smokey. Would not be called a smokey by many as it is a self color of brownish shade hard to describe, with cream throat. A seedling from Early Peach. Growing a fine tall spike with many fine medium-sized flowers open, all facing well. Anyone who likes dark flowers will appreciate this one very much.

No. 30. Was sent out for trial under the name Blue Boy. It is a novelty that has been admired by many people when at the shows. Not a large flower but of the best growing habits. Not that I would call a blue but about as near as the so-called blues. The tip of every petal has a darker mark as though it had been touched with a paint brush.

No. 40. A white. One anyone cannot resist. Pure in color. No trace of color deep down in the throat. Medium early and medium tall with large flowers with beautifully frilled edges. Pure self color. Sometimes comes misplaced.

No. 50. A small pure pink of light shade with a very beautiful throat mark of darker color. This little Glad is the smallest I have been able to grow that has had color worth keeping. Nothing is more beautiful to me than the delicate small Glads. I am constantly on the lookout for small ones as well as large ones. And here is one I am sure you will appreciate very much. A fine grower and keeper when cut. Sometimes misplaced flowers.

No. 60. A large rich purple, with a very narrow cream mark in the throat. The best purple I know. The best of growing habits. With good reports I will name this one next year, as there is room for a good purple.

No. 70. A tall growing ruffled pink with many large flowers open. One of the two best seedlings to bloom for us in 1935. Has been greatly admired by those who have seen it.

No. 2 SPECIAL

One bulb each of our six named varieties, size No. 3 or over : Shirley Temple, Early Peach, Paradise, Ellen Marie, Valeria and Leona, for \$2.00. Three bulbs of each for \$5.50. Ten bulbs of each, \$18.00.



SHIRLEY TEMPLE

As it performed again for us the past summer. A wonderful sight worth seeing. The above pictures were taken about two weeks apart. Showing the fine straight spike before opening and the other showing them in bloom. Most of these bulbs were only fives and down in size. It was the first time we had had more than two rows of stock. Giving us an opportunity to see it in a mass. They were planted on grain ground and not fertilized with anything.

The many knocks Shirley Temple has had is why we are showing these pictures in our catalogue this year.

The variety will not bloom like these if planted in hot climates to bloom in the hot weather. But if planted to bloom late it will repay any one for the cost and effort to grow it.

I have used it for a seed parent and find it even better than Picardy. But few of the seedlings show any sign of stem weakness. I will probably release one or more of them next year. The lovely ruffled Glad I am using in the catalogue on page 10 is a seedling from Shirley Temple and Wasaga. Easily the most beautiful Glad in coloring and ruffledness we have yet seen.

See field pictures on pages 2 and 3.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE PRICES
Left out by the printer.

		Large	Medium	Small	Bubbles
SHIRLEY TEMPLE.....	Each	\$.75	\$.40	\$.20	\$.05
" "	Ten	6.00	3.40	2.00	.40
" "	100	40.00	27.00	19.20	2.50
" "	1000				20.00
" "	Qt.				50.00

P R I C E L I S T

—Price per 100 prepaid to any part of the United States and Canada—

	Large	Medium	Small	Bulblets
Albatros (Pfitzer). The only pure white.....	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.00 per qt.
Blue Admiral (Christ). The best dark blue. A very fine flower of good habits	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.00 per qt.
Betsy Bob Up (Canine). A sport from Nuthall. A light yellow with the same habits of its parents	2.00	1.50	1.00	2.00 per qt.
Duna (Palmer). A small flesh pink very much liked in its class	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00 per qt.
Debonair (Palmer). Tall rich pink. A fine cut flower and commercial	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00 per qt.
Dream O'Beauty (Zimmer). The best rose red. One which is liked by most everyone who sees it. One you should grow	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00 per qt.
Early Peach (Pruitt). Our best cut flower. A real peach red or pink. Tall grower; a very fine keeper after cutting. One of the best shippers we have	3.00	2.50	2.00	4.00 per qt.
Golden Cup (Palmer). A fine yellow. Medium shade and makes a lovely spike.....	1.50	1.00	.75	1.00 per qt.
Heritage (Prestgard). A large rich pink with white throat. One of the finest exhibition Glads known when well grown. Sometimes 14 open flowers at one time. Very large.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	4.00 per qt.
King Arthur . Lovely ruffled, rich lavender. Introduced at \$100 each a few years ago.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00 per qt.
Lotus (Prestgard). Very light pink. Almost white. A fine large flower	1.50	1.00	.75	1.00 per qt.
Maid of Orleans (Pfitzer). The best commercial white to date, and a fine exhibition flower. One you should grow if you like whites.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	2.00 per qt.
Mary Elizabeth . A grand tinted white with yellow throat. Sometimes has eight and ten lovely ruffled flowers open at one time. Grand.....	1.50	1.00	.75	2.00 per qt.
Minuet (Coleman). Too well known to need much description. The second most popular Glad in existence. Many lavenders come out that are expected to take the place of Minuet, but I have yet to see one as good.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00 per qt.
Paradise (Pruitt). A tall growing apricot. Many open flowers. Slightly ruffled. Has won many ribbons in its class at the leading shows. Cheap enough now that anyone can grow it in quantity	3.00	2.50	2.00	4.00 per qt.
Pelegrina (Pfitzer). If you like the real dark blue or purple you will like this one. Best in its class	1.50	1.00	.75	2.00 per qt.
Phillis McQuiston (Steward). A new light pink with much promise. Large flowers, and a fine spike	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00 per qt.
Picardy (Palmer). The super Glad. One whom most everyone has grown. Lovely ruffled apricot pink. Has won more blue ribbons than any Gladiolus ever released for its age.....	1.50	1.00	.75	1.00 per qt.
Polar Ice (Pfitzer). A very early white. Almost as white as Albatros. Fine forcing.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	3.00 per qt.
Red Phipps (Briggs). A grand soft red, I think the best cut flower red in the cheaper class. A wonderful keeper as a cut flower.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00 per qt.
Red Lory . A fine red in its class. A consistent winner in the show room. Many open.....	2.00	1.50	1.00	2.00 per qt.
Smiling Maestro (Christ). A very large pink on the order of Leon Douglas but much better. A grad spike and one you should grow.....	3.00	2.50	2.00	4.00 per qt.
Symphony (Palmer). A light pink that makes a grand spike. One with much promise as an exhibition and commercial	2.00	1.50	1.00	3.00 per qt.



ELLEN MARIE

Ellen Marie

Seedling No. 49-34

(By D. S. Pruitt)

One of our new introductions for 1938. Named for my wife. This is a wonderful glad. Very large and beautifully ruffled. In color it is grand; hard to describe. I will say a very rich salmon pink, with light buff throat mark. Almost a self color without flecking. Early bloomer, growing medium high. Stiff wiry stem that never crooks, but the flowers are so large and heavy it will bend the plant over if planted shallow in loose ground, as all large bulbs should be planted much deeper than most people plant them. I will say be sure and get them 5 or 6 inches under the level surface of the ground, not 5 or 6 inches under the top of the ridge thrown up in making the furrow and covering. This beautiful new variety has been bloomed four times the same as the other two new ones I am releasing along with it, making sure it is well established. Get started now and grow up with it.

	Bulbs No. 1...	Each	Per 10	Per 100
	\$1.00		\$7.50	\$50.00
No. 2...	.75		5.00	37.50
No. 3...	.50		3.75	25.00
No. 4...	.40		2.50	17.50
No. 5...	.25		2.00	10.00
No. 6...	.20		1.50	7.50
Bulblets	..		.50	2.50

Bulblets,
Per 1000, \$12.50

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